

## ***eTravel on the Move***



An update on eTravel; Simplifying end-to-end travel for the federal employee. Additional information on the eTravel initiative can be found at: <http://egov.gsa.gov>. Click on eTravel

### **Special National Travel Forum Edition - June, 2004**

Welcome to Dallas and the 2004 National Travel Forum, *Traveling on the Frontier of Change*

Two years ago at this conference the eTravel initiative was just being launched. Today eTravel is here, a world-class travel service for government travelers to enjoy.

Making eTravel a reality could not have happened without the support of everyone attending this conference and the active participation of your agency's staff. The type of dramatic consolidation and transformation being produced by eTravel can only succeed when everyone works together. Members of your agency have devoted countless hours in support of this initiative. Additionally, many of those individuals acted as change agents within your organization and spread the word to their associates about the benefits of eTravel. This type of collaboration and cooperation is what good government is all about.

Thank you for that support. A team from the eTravel Program Office is here for NTF. If you have questions or need info on eTravel we are available. Just look for the orange Ask ME! tag on their lapel.

### **eTravel Workshops and Breakfast at NTF**

Don't miss the eTravel Worldwide workshops Tuesday 6/29 at 1:30 – 3:00 PM and a repeat Thursday 7/1, 9:15 – 10:45 AM. Learn firsthand how eTravel, a Web-based solution, is a world-class, federal travel management service. eTS is on its way to your agency! Be a perceptive traveler.

In addition everyone is invited to a special breakfast session Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, *eTravel, Transforming Government Travel* that you won't want to miss.

### **eTravel In The News**

#### **GSA E-Travel Announcement: Open for Business**

WASHINGTON, May 17 /PRNewswire/ -- E-Travel Service vendors are ready to go, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced today.

"The E-Travel Service (eTS) is an easy-to-use, integrated, federal government desktop travel service," said Tim Burke, eTS program manager. "It is one of President Bush's E-Government Initiatives that simplifies federal travel management and maximizes competition among vendors. As a result, agencies will receive best values and prices. eTS is expected to save taxpayers up to 50 percent in federal travel management costs over 10 years." A January 2004 amendment to the Federal Travel Regulation requires all agencies to begin implementing eTS by the end of 2004 and complete deployment by Sept. 30, 2006.

## **GSA's E-Travel is ready to leave the station**

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By Jason Miller,  
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The National Science Foundation has waited nearly three years for an electronic travel system, but patience seems to be paying off.

The agency will join seven others as the first adopters of the General Services Administration's E-Travel initiative. By early summer, NSF plans to award a task order for a reservation and voucher system to one of three E-Travel contractors: Carlson Wagonlit Government Travel Inc. of San Antonio, EDS Corp. or the Mission Systems unit of Northrop Grumman Corp.

"We are replacing a rare, and probably our last, paper-based system," said Neville Withington, NSF's e-travel project manager.

Before E-Travel became a Quicksilver project in 2001, Withington said, NSF had started researching commercial travel systems and was about six months away from a request for proposals.

## **eTS Task Order Award Update as of June 28, 2004**

Four eTS task order awards have been made to date, the Treasury Department June 9 as reported by Sara Michael, Federal Computer Week.

Mary Mosquera, from Government Computer News, writes June 22, 2004. The Health and Human Services Department has awarded a nearly \$1 million task order.

Department of Transportation awarded its eTS task order June 17, 2004, press coverage not yet available.

June 24, 2004 the National Business Center, a Federal Franchise Fund, awarded their eTS task order.

**From all of us at eTravel have a productive and successful week at NTF!**

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